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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL EIU STUDENT EARNS 4.0

CHARLESTON -- Rachel Lee, daughter of Scott and Cindy Lee of Peoria, earned a 4.0 grade point average during her first semester at Eastern Illinois University and has been named to the Dean's List.

Lee, a freshman elementary education major, is a 1996 graduate of Richwoods High School.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be in the top 10 percent of his or her college while carrying a full course load.

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students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.